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Applicant:	Steve Zimmel	Examiner:	To Be Assigned
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Title:	Fiber Optic Cable and Furcation Module		

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By: Patricia L. Lammore  
Name:

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 2 References.
- ☒ Other: Declaration of Steve Zimmel.
- ☒ Return postcard.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))**

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. A declaration by the named inventor of the present application regarding the Exhibits listed on the Form 1449 is also attached.

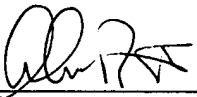
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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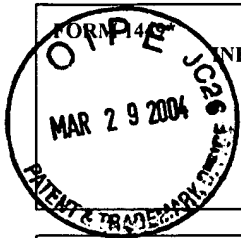
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

Exhibit I	Color Copy of Photograph displaying a cluster of fiber optic splitters labeled "A".
Exhibit II	FOnetworks, Inc. FOnetworks 6 and 12 Fiber Ribbon Fanout Assemblies; 3 pages total.

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.